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(b) the names of hospitals and dispensaries where such Advisory Committees have not yet been formed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Advisory Committees have been formed and are functioning in the following Government Medical Institutions :—

(1) Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode.

(2) Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode.

(3) Government Hospital, Cannanore.

(4) Government Hospital, Tellicherry.

(5) Government Hospital, Manantody.

(6) Government Hospital, Badagara.

(7) Government Hospital, Manjeri.

(8) Government Hospital, Palghat.

(9) Government Hospital, Ponnani.

" (b) An Advisory Committee has not yet been constituted for the Government Hospital, Perintalmanna, as the Hospital was taken over by Government only in November 1952. The question has been taken up by the Director of Medical Services."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know the authority who makes the selection or appointment of members of these committees? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government make the appointment."

SRI A. APPU :—" How often do these committees meet, Sir? Can an individual member visit the hospital and record his opinion in the Visitors' Book? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Committee can meet as often as necessary. It is open to the Members to visit the hospital at any time during working hours."

Cases of suicide due to poverty and starvation.

* 316 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that at the inquest over the following cases of suicide, the panchayatdars have opined that suicide was the result of poverty and starvation :—

(a) suicide of Ammini Amma of Kollam near Quilandi, North Malabar, on 15th August 1953; and

(b) suicide of T. R. Ramakrishna Ayyar living in Venkitachalapathi Ayyangar's lane, Ramanathapuram Road, Madurai, on 25th August 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The name of the deceased in this case was Nani Amma and not Ammini Amma. The opinion of the panchayatdars was that the

deceased was having a sickly child and had been discarded by her husband, and that she committed suicide because she had no proper means of livelihood.

" (b) The name of the deceased in this case was T. R. Radhakrishna Ayyar, and not T. R. Ramakrishna Ayyar. The panchayatdars were unanimously of the opinion that the deceased died as the result of drinking coffee mixed with sodium nitrate."

Scale of pay of Municipal Sanitary Inspectors.

* 317 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the scale of pay sanctioned by Government for Sanitary Inspectors in municipalities; and

(*b*) whether any representation has been received from the Association of Qualified Sanitary Inspectors regarding increase of pay; and what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) The scale of pay fixed for Sanitary Inspectors under Municipal Councils is Rupees 60—3—120.

" (*b*) Representations for the revision of the scale of pay of Sanitary Inspectors have been received by the Government and they are under consideration."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR:—" Could the Government give some indication when they would be able to make up their mind at all?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" As early as possible."

Improvements to the Badagara hospital.

* 318 *Q.*—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what all improvements have been introduced in the Badagara hospital after the hospital was taken over by the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government have under consideration schemes to construct a new building for the hospital and also to supply better equipment?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) After the hospital at Badagara was taken over by Government in 1951, a shed to accommodate 17 patients has been constructed by public donation and two nurses have been added to the staff of the hospital;

" (*b*) The acquisition of a plot of land for the construction of a new hospital building is under consideration. The employment of the additional staff and purchase of necessary equipment for the hospital will be considered by the Government in due course."